Restrictions

Austria has reintroduced temporary border controls at the borders with Italy. The temperature of drivers and their recent activities are systematically checked (measure valid for the next 10 days).

Austria is also prohibiting rail transport from Italy (valid until 3 April). This measure does not apply to freight transport.

Tyrol has issued another Regulation (attached in German only). This Regulation extends the existing measures to 12 April 2020.

In order to prevent the further spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), it is prohibited to enter public places on the entire national territory, while security of the supply chain and the free movement of goods for all municipalities has been guaranteed.

Some of the most important provisions are contained in paragraph 3 of the new Regulation:

1. The entrance to and departure from the municipalities within Tyrolean territory shall be prohibited.

2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply to:
   - General trips by suppliers (e.g. food transport) and provision of general services (e.g. road service, waste collection, service companies, public administration, public road and rail transport).
   - Supply-critical public infrastructure (e.g. electricity and water supply).

3. In order to ensure the security of the supply chain and the free movement of goods, transit through municipalities on Austrian territory is permitted.

On 20/3, the Ministry of Social Affairs issued a new regulation which restricts the entry into Austria from land border crossing points of those persons living in or
transiting from the following neighbouring countries: Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, Hungary, and Slovenia.

Those wanting to enter Austria must present a medical certificate that can be filled out in German, English or Italian, which proves that their test for SARS-CoV-2 is negative. The medical certificate must not be older than four days at the time of entry, otherwise the authorities may refuse entry.

This regulation does not apply to freight or commuter traffic.

Relieves

On 6 April 2020, AISÖ confirmed that in Austria, the weekend and holiday driving ban for trucks over 7.5 tonnes will be suspended until 19 April 2020. However, members should be aware that the sectoral driving bans currently in place in the Tyrol region will remain valid.

In addition, the government has announced a temporary relaxation of the enforcement of driving and rest times for drivers in order to eliminate bottlenecks caused by the current crisis. The measures lifted are those in Articles 6 to 9 of the EU Regulation No. 561/2006. This exception applies from 16 March 2020 to 14 April 2020. Measures lifted are the following:

- Art. 6(1): replacement of the maximum daily driving limit of 9 hours with one of 11 hours;
- Art. 6(2): replacement of the maximum weekly driving limit of 56 hours with one of 60 hours;
- Art. 6(3): replacement of the maximum fortnightly driving limit of 90 hours with one of 100 hours;
- Art. 7: replacement of the minimum daily breaks requirements by imposing a break of 45 minutes after 5 and a half hours;
- Art. 8(2): Reduction of the daily rest requirements from 11 to 9 hours;
- Art. 8(6): Weekly rest period of at least 24 hours after six 24-hour periods.

Further details can be found in the Regulation.
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